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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following amendments are submitted preliminary to an action on the merits.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

A | 1. (Amended) Hinge for motor vehicle doors having a swivel catch comprising, [in particular doors for motor vehicles, in which the] a hinge pin[, in] with a first axial region[,] and [also the] a first hinge plate, [are provided with] the first hinge pin and hinge plate having mutually matching profiles in the form of a plurality of wedge-shaped cams which protrude radially outwards or inwards, respectively beyond imaginary cylindrical surfaces on the hinge pin or in the hinge plate[, respectively,]; the profiles are offset [by the same angle] in [the] a circumferential direction by matching angles and taper